

56. The method of claim 55, wherein the unit ratio of said polymerase in claim 1 to said second and third DNA polymerases is from about 0.25:1 to about 16:1.

57. A kit comprising, in a packaged form, separate containers comprising:

(a) a purified thermostable template-dependent DNA polymerase from the species *Bacillus stearothermophilus* comprising reverse transcriptase activity; and

(b) a solution that provides magnesium ions at a concentration of at least 1 mM and in the substantial absence of manganese ions.

58. The kit of claim 57, wherein said polymerase is a mutated or truncated form of *Bacillus stearothermophilus*.

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Attached is a revised claim set which reflects the changes made.

No fee is believed necessary to enter this amendment. However if a fee is necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

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